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By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - State Fire Prevention Commission - Unattended Retail**  
3 **Self-Service Stations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Prevention Commission to permit the  
5 continuous operation of an unattended retail self-service station if an  
6 unattended retail self-service station complies with certain regulations; and  
7 generally relating to unattended retail self-service stations and the State Fire  
8 Prevention Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Public Safety  
11 Section 6-206(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
14 2003)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Public Safety**

18 6-206.

19 (a) (1) (i) To protect life and property from the hazards of fire and  
20 explosion, the Commission shall adopt comprehensive regulations as a State Fire  
21 Prevention Code.

22 (ii) The State Fire Prevention Code shall comply with standard safe  
23 practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire  
24 prevention and fire protection.

25 (iii) The State Fire Prevention Code has the force and effect of law  
26 in the political subdivisions of the State.

1                   (2)     (i)       Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
2 regulations adopted under this subsection do not apply to existing installations,  
3 plants, or equipment.

4                   (ii)       If the Commission determines that an installation, plant, or  
5 equipment is a hazard so inimicable to the public safety as to require correction, the  
6 regulations adopted under this subsection apply to the installation, plant, or  
7 equipment.

8                   (3)       BY REGULATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOW THE  
9 CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF AN UNATTENDED RETAIL SELF-SERVICE STATION IF  
10 THE UNATTENDED RETAIL SELF-SERVICE STATION COMPLIES WITH THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS OF § 28-2.8.5 OF NFPA 1 FIRE PREVENTION CODE (2000 EDITION).

12       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2003.